ST. MICHAEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 10:30 am

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 YEAR: 2018 NUMBER: 50

SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

BAPTISM: By Appointment. Reserve at least one month in advance.

 Preparation classes are necessary.

MARRIAGE: Plan at least nine months in advance.

 Preparation sessions are necessary.

FUNERALS: Arrangements are made in conjunction with the funeral home.

REGISTRATION Those new to the area, newlyweds, and single adults, (even if registered

 and before with their families) are asked to register by calling the Parish Office.

MEMBERSHIP: Every parishioner must be registered. This is a condition for admission

 to our Program and reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, First Penance, First Eucharist, and Matrimony; also, for testimonial letters or sponsorship of Baptism and Confirmation outside the Parish.

VISITATION: We are concerned and want to be advised when someone is ill at

 home or in the hospital. Call the rectory to have the shut-in placed on our monthly Holy Communion calls or seriously ill prayer list.

SACRAMENTAL Parish registration and active Mass participation for Baptism is encouraged

POLICY: and is required for Marriage.

BULLETIN ARTICLES: Articles are due to the Parish Office by Noon on TUESDAYS.

 Third Sunday in Advent December 16, 2018

 Month of The Immaculate Conception



MASS INTENTIONS: (December 17 – December 23, 2018)

Monday 8:00 AM John L. Podrebarac req. by Kate Deater

Tuesday 8:00 AM Michael Hudak req. by Mike Meier

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 8:00 AM Birthday Remembrance for Carolyn Corrigan req. by Helen Soohy

Friday 8:00 AM Ann Blazosky req. by Gary, Brenda, Madison, Garrett & Carson Kundrod

Saturday 4:00 PM Francis Andrykovitch req. by wife, Millie & Family

Sunday 8:00 AM Marie Faher req. by Cathy & Joe Faher

 10:30 AM Kristan Deighan req. by Family of Rick & Nancy Wessel

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, December 22 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Anthony Bambino Francis Andrykovitch Family

Minister of the Host: Babe Richards

Ministers of the Cup: Alice Podrebarac & Susan Blazosky

Altar Servers: Brooke & Chase Williamson

Cantor: Amanda Williamson

Greeter: Shirley Walls

Sunday, December 23 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Arnold Bernard Joe & Cathy Faher

Minister of the Host: Paul Kundrod

Ministers of the Cup: Robert Grattan & Marie Jo Plummer

Altar Servers: Andrew Martin & Bryce Macy

Cantor: Susan Yanzetich

Greeter: Pete Parisi

Sunday, December 2310:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Madison Kundrod Rick & Nancy Wessel

Minister of the Host: Robert Oshaben

Ministers of the Cup: Michael Barton & Sharon Paterson

Altar Servers: Shannan Elgin & Adalynne Webb

Cantor: Anita Lorek

Greeter: Cheryl Macy

Sunday, December 23 Collection Counters

 Robert Casti, Sharon Paterson

 Sara Zybura

We received the following note from Patsy Senft who is in charge of the Food Pantry:

St. Michael Catholic Church Members,

Thank you so much for your faithful and consistent donations to the

Forest Hills Food Pantry, it is very much appreciated by all!

 Thanks again,

 *Patsy*

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS ~ “This money is pure gift,” writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. “It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters.” Your gift to last week’s collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity!

COMBINED CHRISTMAS CHOIR ~ Last combined Christmas Rehearsals will be Wednesday, December 19th at 7:00 PM, and Friday, December 21st at 7:00 PM.

FIRESIDE BIBLES ~ We still have three Burgundy Family Bibles – New American Bible Revised edition. This would be a perfect Christmas Gift! The cost of the Bible is $20.00. If interested in purchasing one of them, please call the rectory.

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES REQUESTS ~ Lay Ministry schedule requests are currently being taken for the Spring Schedule which covers February through May 2019. If you have a request for dates you are not available or for dates that you are only available, please contact Suzi Blazosky at 495-5287 or email: sublazosky@gmail.com by Sunday, January 20th. Lay ministers are being sought for all masses and all ministries – Cantors, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Altar Servers, and Collection Counters. Please contact Fr. Brian or Suzi for further details or if you would like to volunteer.

ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASS ~ The class *Sacraments* will be offered at two locations this January. Msgr. Robert Mazur will be teaching a 6-week course (2 ½ hour classes) beginning Monday January 7 from 6:30-9:00 PM at Cathedral, Seton Suite, Altoona and Fr. Timothy Grimme will be teaching an 8-week course (2-hour classes) from 6:30-8:30 PM beginning Tuesday January 8 at St. Michael Church Hall, St. Michael. The cost of the course which includes registration and all material is $65. Participants will explore the history of the sacraments and the post Vatican II Theology of the Sacraments within the context of Christology, Ecclesiology and Ministry. For further information and registration forms visit [www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry](http://www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry) or contact the Office of Adult Enrichment at 814-361-2000. All are welcome!

*Stewardship Reflections*…

At a time when advertisers are trying to convince us to buy those “must-haves,” we hear John the Baptist calling us to share our

possessions with others who are less fortunate. May we, as Christian stewards, demonstrate gratitude for the gifts that God has entrusted to us by giving joyfully to others in need.

Thank you to all parishioners who have responded to the *2018 Catholic Ministries Drive.* Please join them in supporting our Parish and a select group of ministries that provide outreach to the poor, family life, youth and seminarians. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, you may give online at [www.dioceseaj.org](http://www.dioceseaj.org).

 Catholic Ministries Drive $24,043.00

 Raised: $12,180.00

 Balance: $11,863.00

 Number of Responses: 89



The Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of

Francis Andrykovitch

requested by Wife Millie & Family

and The Our Lady of Grace Candle will burn as a

Wedding Anniversary Remembrance for

 Terry McClemens requested by wife Kathy

during the week of December 16, 2018.





BAPTISM ~ On Saturday, December 8th, we celebrated the glorious baptism of Connor Austin Griffith, son of Timothy Griffith and Samantha Jo Handel by Father Brian Warchola. He became a new creation in Christ in the waters of Holy Baptism.

BAPTISM ~ On Sunday, December 9th, we celebrated the glorious baptism of Madelyn Mae Parkinson, daughter of Bryan Parkinson and Angela Litvin by Father Brian Warchola. She became a new creation in Christ in the waters of Holy Baptism. Now joined to us by the gifts of faith, hope and charity, we warmly welcome her into our St. Michael Parish Family.

2019 CALENDARS ~ 2019 calendars are available this weekend. Please, one calendar per family. Special thanks to the C.O. Dimond Funeral Home for donating these calendars to our Parish.

LAY MINISTRY CHRISTMAS GIFTS ~ There will be Chocolates or Wine available in the Bridal Room next weekend, December 22nd & 23rd for any Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Cantor, Greeter, Collection Counter, Teacher, Usher and Choir Member. Please choose one or the other for your gift as a Thank-you for your service. Merry Christmas!

OPLATKI ~ Oplatki is available this weekend at all Masses.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ~ If you would like to purchase a Christmas flower for a living (In Honor Of) or a deceased (In Memory Of) member of your family, please do so by using the Christmas Flower envelope in your packet. The normal offering is $10.00. Extra envelopes can be found at the church entrances.

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION ~Thank you to all who so generously donated to the Forest Hills Food Pantry. The total money collected was $792.00 and an assortment of non-perishable items.

Weare placing names of the sick in the bulletin for prayer providing they give permission. *May the* *Divine Physician send healing grace for those for* *whom we pray:* Allen C. Rosemas, Patricia Murphy, Bernice Myers, Dwight Fyock, Lori Facciani, Dylon Wills, Missy, Joanne (Kolar) Hufford, Christine Flanagan, Ayden Alan Grata, Mary Lou Offman, Mary Zangaglia, Dorothy Rosemas, Natalie Zerby, Patricia Grata, Michael Wadsworth, Valencia & Frank Tursi, Homer Locher, Brayden Schofield, Michelle Kasper, Diane Kingera, Allison Krischer, Ted Paluch, Brandt Hutzel, Pearl Litzinger, Patrick Munro, Fran Baldassarre, Corey Lybarger, Kristen Sinosky Long, Helen Ranieri, Cresta Micik, Basil Costantino, Madison McCrory, Laura, Joe Yoder, Dolores Yanzetich, Sandy Krug, Wanda Gramling, Merna Smay, Muriel “Jean” Wiesheier, Agnes Plummer, Jennifer Hagans, Shawn, Holly, Shane, Spencer, Owen Taylor, Keith & Dawnetta Hoyer, Derrick Varnish, Daniel Koshute, Vincent Koshute, Karen Lovrich, Melissa Cordek, Michelle Elliott, Heather Romanow, Mackston Barrick, Connor Thomas, Erin, Pat, Mary Agnes Nastase, Mary Ann Bertolino, Dick Wilson, Izzy Bihun, Erica Mitzelfeld, Dorothy Kaminsky, Ed Ripper Sr., Patricia Oshaben, Ashlee Madison, Susan Yanzetich, Mike, Mary Sivec, Danika Faith, Alina Rusnak, Marcia Costlow, Gary Smay, Elizabeth Howell, Mary Ann Cover, Helen Bowen, Bill Gideos, James Macy, Walter Bodziak, Rhonda, Dan Strinkoski, Anne Robinson, Marlene McCrory, Sharon Poldiak, Carter Bobak, Vince Arena, Mike Morris, Sarah Kelt, Marian Madison, Mildred Andrykovitch, Patty Yanzetich Caldwell, Mary Secriskey, Owen Croyle, Colton Snyder, Betty Delaney, Sam Martin, Nancy Edmiston and all of the sick of our parish, the homebound, those in nursing homes, those who care for them, and those in the military along with their families. *(Please call the Rectory to have your name removed from the list when no longer seriously ill. Thank You.)*



LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION

 Adults $4,628.00

 Loose $ 154.00

 Youth $ 31.50

 Monthly $ 645.00

 Maintenance Fund $ 45.00

 Candles $ 65.00

 Initial Offering (2019) $ 15.00

 All Saints $ 5.00

 All Souls $ 10.00

 Immaculate Conception $1,287.50

 Christmas Offering $ 80.00

 Christmas Flowers $ 220.00

 Solemnity of Mary $ 16.00

 Catholic Charities $ 15.00

 Religious Retirement $ 938.75

 World Mission Sunday $ 10.00

 Hurricane Relief $ 20.00

 Total $8,185.75

We sincerely thank and ask God’s blessing upon all who have care and concern for our parish.

December 16, 2018 Lk 3:10-18

Today’s gospel tells us to SHARE! This Christmas resist the pressure to give token gifts. Instead, use those funds to give NESSESSITIES to the poor. If our impoverished brothers and sisters are not on our giving list, we’ve missed the point of Christmas!

Religious Education And Christian Helping

December 16, 2018

*REACH Holiday Service Projects*

*Holy Name K—5 Treats ~* Our Holy Name Society will sponsor a Christmas Pizza Party for our K—5 students on Thursday, December 20th. REACH student volunteers are needed to help pack the Christmas treats that they distribute to students. They will be gathering for this task on Tuesday, December 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.





*Religious Education Schedule for the Christmas & New Year’s Holiday*

*We will have a holiday break for our Religious Education students and catechists. Religious Education Classes will not be held over the holiday break including the following dates:*

*No Class on Thursday, December 27th for Grades K-5*

*&*

 *No Class on Sundays, December 23rd and December 30th for Grades 6—12.*

Classes will resume on Thursday, January 3rd for K~5 and Sunday, January 6th for Grades 6~12.



*Confirmation Retreat* / Saturday, January 19, 2019, 1—6:30 PM

All students in grades 9, 10, & 11 will take part in their annual confirmation retreat. This retreat will take place on Saturday, January 19, 2019, 1—6:30 PM. The retreat will focus on the three required retreat topics of ~ “Baptism”, “Gifts of the Holy Spirit” and “Parables”.

 The program will begin in the parish hall on Saturday, January 19th for the students. The students come to the parish hall and join classmates for specific topic discussions with their grade level leader in designated classrooms for their specific retreat from 1 to 3 PM.

At 3:15 PM, sponsors and/or parents are asked to join the confirmation students in the church for a Rosary lead by our 11th grade Confirmation Class followed by the 4 PM Mass. During this Mass, the 9th grade students will celebrate their “‘Rite of Blessing” and the 10th Grade students will celebrate their “Rite of Commitment” as part of their confirmation journey.

At the conclusion of Mass, students will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, followed by a pizza social in the parish hall for all students, parents and sponsors, including time for reflection on the day and also time for the confirmation candidates and their sponsors to spend time together discussing their sponsor / candidate session activities.

 Sunday, December 16 High School Religious Ed. / 9:00 AM – 10:20 AM

 Girl Scouts / 4 – 5:30 PM

 Monday, December 17 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM

 Tuesday, December 18 Holy Name Christmas Treats Packing / 6:00 PM

 Wednesday, December 19 No Mass

 Combined Christmas Choir / 7:00 PM

 Thursday, December 20 K – 5 Religious Ed Pizza Party

 Saturday Choir Practice / 4:30 PM

 Friday, December 21 Combined Christmas Choir / 7:00 PM

 Saturday, December 22

UPCOMING EVENTS

 December 24 Offices Closed

 Christmas Eve Masses / 4:00 PM & 9:00 PM

 December 25 Merry Christmas!

 Christmas Mass / 9:00 AM

 Offices Closed

 December 30 Baptism

 December 31 Offices Closed

 Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass / 6:00 PM

 January 1, 2019 Solemnity of Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) Mass / 9:00 AM

 Offices Closed

FH COMMUNITY BAND ~ Christmas concert of the season will be Sunday, December 16th, Galleria Mall, Richland @ 2:00 PM. All are welcome. Free admission.

AN ADVENT OF CHRISTMAS CONCERT ~ *What Sweeter Music: A Choral Christmas of John Rutter* will be held 7 PM, Saturday, December 22 at St. John Gualbert Cathedral, 117 Clinton Street, Johnstown. The program will feature the Greater Johnstown Diocesan Festival Choir and Youth Chorale. The choral groups will be accompanied by the Hilltop Chamber Music Ensemble. Admission is free and open to the public. A free will offering will be taken.

THE FRIAR’S NOOK GIFT SHOP – CHRISTMAS HAPPENINGS ~ The Friar’s Nook Gift Shop, located at 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg. Save 20% off your entire purchase on all items storewide December 15-22! Christmas Cookie Sale: December 20. There will be a variety of ethnic and traditional Christmas cookies. Hours are Monday – Saturday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Follow us on Facebook for updates and events!

A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS ~ On Sunday, December 30th, at 3 PM, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 8th Avenue and 11th Street, Altoona, PA 16602, a relaxing concert with Seasonal Music and audience participation will be held. The organists will be Agoston Solzi and James Dengler. All our welcome to attend. A free will offering will be taken to benefit the Pipe Organ Campaign.

JEWELRY RAFFLE ~ Immaculate Conception Church, New Germany Hall. Saturday, January 19th. Doors open at 5 PM, 1st drawing at 5:50 PM. Door ticket includes: Admission, Meal, Dessert and Drinks. Jewelry, Accessories, Instant Bingo & 50/50’s will be chanced during the bash. Prizes from Gold Rush Diamonds & Boutiques, Mini Mall, Ebensburg. For tickets call Becky 724-357-8384. [www.facebook.com/ICJewelryRaffle](http://www.facebook.com/ICJewelryRaffle) .